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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SNYDER (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BERRY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. ROSS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GINGREY, and Mr. HULSHOF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Little Rock Central  
5 High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemo-  
6 rative Coin Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) September 2007, marks the 50th anniver-  
4 sary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central  
5 High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

6 (2) In 1957, Little Rock Central High was the  
7 site of the first major national test for the imple-  
8 mentation of the historic decision of the United  
9 States Supreme Court in *Brown, et al. v. Board of*  
10 *Education of Topeka, et al.*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954).

11 (3) The courage of the “Little Rock Nine” (Er-  
12 nest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Melba Pattilo, Jef-  
13 ferson Thomas, Carlotta Walls, Terrence Roberts,  
14 Gloria Ray, Thelma Mothershed and Minnie Jean  
15 Brown) who stood in the face of violence, was influ-  
16 ential to the Civil Rights movement and changed  
17 American history by providing an example on which  
18 to build greater equality.

19 (4) The desegregation of Little Rock Central  
20 High by the 9 African American students was recog-  
21 nized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as such a sig-  
22 nificant event in the struggle for civil rights that in  
23 May 1958, he attended the graduation of the first  
24 African American from Little Rock Central High  
25 School.

1           (5) A commemorative coin will bring national  
2           and international attention to the lasting legacy of  
3           this important event.

4 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

5           (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
6           ury (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)  
7           shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 \$1 coins each  
8           of which shall—

- 9                   (1) weigh 26.73 grams;  
10                   (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and  
11                   (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent  
12           copper.

13           (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this  
14           Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of  
15           title 31, United States Code.

16           (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section  
17           5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted  
18           under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

19 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

20           (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The design of the  
21           coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
22           desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School and  
23           its contribution to civil rights in America.

24           (b) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin  
25           minted under this Act there shall be—

- 1 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;
- 2 (2) an inscription of the year “2007”; and
- 3 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
- 4 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
- 5 “E Pluribus Unum”.

6 (c) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
7 under this Act shall be—

- 8 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
- 9 with the Commission of Fine Arts; and
- 10 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
- 11 Committee established under section 5135 of title
- 12 31, United States Code.

13 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

14 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this  
15 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

16 (b) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary  
17 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January  
18 1, 2007, except that the Secretary may initiate sales of  
19 such coins, without issuance, before such date.

20 (c) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No  
21 coins shall be minted under this Act after December 31,  
22 2007.

23 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

24 (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
25 sion of law, the coins issued under this Act shall be sold

1 by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the face  
2 value of the coins, the surcharge required under section  
3 7(a) for the coins, and the cost of designing and issuing  
4 such coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machin-  
5 ery, overhead expenses, and marketing).

6 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
7 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
8 discount.

9 (c) PREPAID ORDERS AT A DISCOUNT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
11 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
12 before the issuance of such coins.

13 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
14 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
15 sonable discount.

16 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

17 (a) SURCHARGE REQUIRED.—All sales shall include  
18 a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

19 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
20 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which are re-  
21 ceived by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under  
22 this Act shall be equally divided and promptly paid by the  
23 Secretary to—

24 (1) the Jefferson National Parks Association  
25 for the purpose of providing support for programs

1 and other developmental activities at the Little Rock  
2 Central High National Historic Site and support for  
3 the ongoing mission of the Little Rock Central High  
4 National Historic Site; and

5 (2) the Secretary of the Interior for site im-  
6 provements at the Little Rock Central High Na-  
7 tional Historic Site, including the establishment of  
8 cooperative agreements to preserve and restore the  
9 historic character of the vicinity in the historic site's  
10 boundaries.

11 (c) AUDITS.—The Jefferson National Parks Associa-  
12 tion shall be subject to the audit requirements of section  
13 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code.

14 (d) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS.—The surcharges pro-  
15 vided to the Secretary of the Interior under this section  
16 are intended by the Congress to supplement amounts pro-  
17 vided to such Secretary in appropriation Acts for the Lit-  
18 tle Rock Central High National Historic Site and are not  
19 intended to be a substitute for such appropriated amounts.

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